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Introduction

Fiscal Year 2011 is the seventh consecutive year of growth of the Urban Construction Initiative (UCI). The City of Chesapeake and the Town of Purcellville joined the initiative, bringing the total number of localities participating in the initiative to thirteen when they began administering their entire urban programs on July 1, 2011.

The City of Danville submitted a resolution of intent to join the initiative this year. This resolution serves as a starting point for the transition process which is established by Code. Danville will be eligible to enter into the programmatic agreement to join UCI effective July 1, 2012.

Program Accomplishments

Last year, the Federal Highway Administration approved the implementation of Virginia's first local certification program for UCI. An open call for letters of intent to seek certification was issued in November 2010. The program encourages localities that have been with the Urban Construction Initiative for at least one year to become certified allowing them additional authority over their transportation program. With certification comes streamlined oversight and stewardship provided by the Department. The City of Virginia Beach has become the first municipality to apply for the UCI Certification Program.

Local Assistance Division (LAD) has continued to hold monthly UCI Workgroup Meetings to develop new ways to enhance communication with our external municipal customers and to streamline project delivery. This group consists of representatives from nine different localities, VDOT District and Central Office Staff, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The group has previously been successful in creating the process outlined above for UCI Certification and other program improvements.

Similar to last year, the 2011 Satisfaction Survey responses trended slightly downward from previous years. This was believed to be largely related to the current economic climate and staffing changes at the federal, state, and local levels. The area with the most notable decrease in satisfaction for both local and

VDOT staff involved the availability of training and resources. To help increase the opportunities for training, the UCI Workgroup recommended adding a full day's training session to the UCI Annual meeting. This recommendation was addressed this year by conducting a two day UCI Annual meeting. The survey reflected that 35.3% of local government respondents are interested in pursuing certification. The results also clearly indicated that good communication is still occurring between VDOT and the localities.

The UCI community continues to gather in person 3 times a year in varying locations. The meetings will have a three-pronged approach: business session (updates of program interest), information sharing (lessons learned/technical), and progress on a specific programmatic initiative/focus area led by the workgroup. Based on feedback received in the survey and discussion with our local partners, the 2011 Annual Meeting was modified from previous years. For 2011 the Annual Meeting was held as a two day event. In addition to providing resources to share lessons learned, year end accomplishments and to further streamline program delivery, we also included a full day technical session presented by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on the NHI Contract Administration Core Curriculum. As a result, the Annual Meeting once again set the course for the future of the initiative by outlining a new path forward for coordination as a group.

Goals for Fiscal Year 2012

- Implement the UCI Certification Program.
- Continue to assess program level performance through implementation of the annual satisfaction survey and tracking of quantifiable performance measures.
- Provide training and development opportunities to enhance local and VDOT competencies, reduce risk, and improve oversight.
- Elimination of the UCI Guide by incorporating project development information into the LAP Manual with program/policy information being incorporated into the Urban Manual.

Long Term Vision / Goals

- Continue the VDOT shift to a stewardship and oversight role – much like FHWA

Financial Table

The commitment of Urban Construction Funds, including reimbursable federal funds and state funds paid directly to the participating municipalities in their quarterly payment, has continued to slightly increase (even with reductions in urban allocations) as participation in the program expands. The total financial commitment is shown on the following table:

URBAN CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE

Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Summary

	CITY / TOWN	URBAN CONSTRUCTION ALLOCATIONS		PREVIOUS FUNDING on ACTIVE PROJECTS		PAST PROJECT RECONCILIATION		ANNUAL TOTALS	
		FEDERAL FUNDS (for Reimbursement)	STATE FUNDS (Quarterly Payment)	FEDERAL FUNDS (for Reimbursement)	STATE FUNDS (Quarterly Payment)	FEDERAL FUNDS (for Reimbursement)	STATE FUNDS (Quarterly Payment)	FEDERAL FUNDS (for Reimbursement)	STATE FUNDS (Quarterly Payment)
	FISCAL YEAR 2005	\$2,781	\$2,268	\$54,277	\$29,612	\$6,353	\$26,563	\$63,411	\$58,443
	FISCAL YEAR 2006	\$4,484	\$10,846	\$3,391	\$2,948	\$908	\$1,352	\$8,783	\$15,146
	FISCAL YEAR 2007	\$19,881	\$12,178	\$1,553	\$2,108	\$596	\$760	\$22,030	\$15,046
	FISCAL YEAR 2008	\$17,579	\$19,872	\$3,941	\$19,169	\$155	\$666	\$7,161	\$39,707
	FISCAL YEAR 2009	\$12,234	\$10,096	\$6,513	\$8,852	\$0	\$965	\$7,642	\$19,913
	FISCAL YEAR 2010	\$2,597	\$2,733	\$1,523	\$1,715	\$0	\$0	\$1,523	\$4,448
F Y 2 0 1 1	HAMPTON	\$667	\$133						\$133
	RICHMOND	\$0	\$0						\$0
	VIRGINIA BEACH	\$740	\$149						\$149
	CHARLOTTESVILLE	\$172	\$540						\$540
	BRIDGEWATER	\$66	\$13						\$13
	HARRISONBURG	\$190	\$38						\$38
	LYNCHBURG	\$0	\$2						\$2
	DUMFRIES	\$0	\$0						\$0
	BLACKSBURG	\$3,000	\$521						\$521
	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	\$0	\$0						\$0
	NEWPORT NEWS	\$0	\$0						\$0
	FY 2011 TOTALS	\$4,835	\$1,396	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,396
	TOTALS TO DATE	\$64,391	\$59,389	\$71,198	\$64,404	\$8,012	\$30,306	\$110,550	\$154,099

TOTAL FEDERAL & STATE FUNDS \$264,649

NOTES:

- Figures in thousands (1,000).
- Figures shown for FY11 and Previous Funding on Active Projects are based on allocations made in FY11 Program.
- Federal Funds are paid to localities on a reimbursable basis.
- State Funds provided to localities as Quarterly Payments and are to be used for state funded projects and/or for local match on Federally Funded Projects.
- Includes SAFETEA-LU and Local Partnership Funds

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